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CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of Serial No. 10/357,666, filed on April 12, 2004, which is a continuation of Serial No. 09/738,806, filed on December 15, 2000 entitled METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR WASHING POULTRY DURING PROCESSING by the following inventor(s):

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1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior application; including the specification, claims, drawings, a signed oath or declaration, and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application. (It is noted that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.) The continuing application is as follows: 39 pages of specification, 50 claims, 1 page of abstract, and 4 pages of oath or declaration.

- ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

2. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below after entry of the Preliminary Amendment:

**CLAIMS AS FILED**

NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS:</b> 20 -20	0	x	\$18.00	\$0.00
<b>INDEPENDENT CLAIMS</b> 3 -3	0	x	\$86.00	\$0.00
			<b>BASIC FILING FEE:</b>	\$770.00
			<b>TOTAL FILING FEE:</b>	\$770.00

- ☐ Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.

3. ☒ Payment of fees:  
☒ Attached is a check in the amount of \$770.00.  
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725.
4. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.
5. ☐ A set of formal drawings ( sheets) is enclosed.
6. ☐ Priority of application Serial No. , filed on in , is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.  
☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. , filed .
7. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Ecolab Inc. located at Ecolab Center, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102.
8. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

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9. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)  
☐ Fee for excess claims is attached.
10. ☐ A petition and fee has been filed to extend the term in the prior application until . A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.
11. ☐ The inventor(s) in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:

12. ☐ A Nonpublication Request under 37 CFR 1.213(a) is enclosed.
13. ☐ Also Enclosed:
14. ☒ Address all future communications to the **Attention of Mark T. Skoog** (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.
15. ☒ A return postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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